

## Paris Delays Expulsion Of Newsmen

PARIS, March 7 (AP)—American correspondent Benjamin Bradlee, 34, has been ordered expelled from France for trying to arrange an interview with Algerian rebels, it was reported today, but the expulsion has been held up.



Bradlee

Bradlee, Paris correspondent for Newsweek magazine, was arrested yesterday, questioned for half an hour, and ordered to leave France within two days.

First reports from the Ministry of Interior said the order was then indefinitely postponed at the request of the American Embassy. Later reports said Premier Guy Mollet himself stepped into the picture.

The Premier was reportedly "shocked and angry" that the action was taken without first consulting him.

[Reuters later quoted Bradlee as saying that he had a verbal promise from Mollet's Chief Private Secretary Louis Fauchon, that the expulsion order would not be enforced.]

(In New York, John Denson, editorial director of Newsweek said:

"We feel, of course, that the action involving Ben Bradlee is completely wrong, completely untypical of France's traditions of liberty, but we understand that the French government will rescind the expulsion order immediately.")

[Associated Press quoted French officials as saying that some of Bradlee's articles were believed to contain anti-French propaganda.

In its Feb. 20 issue, Newsweek published a report from Algiers by Bradlee in which he said that "conditions for peace simply don't exist" and in which he reported highly inflammatory remarks by Algerian and French colonial extremists. Bradlee concluded:

("Despite his expressed optimism, the feeling here (in Algiers) is that Mollet himself has concluded that there is little hope now of bringing the two sides to a live-and-let-live agreement.")

(Bradlee was a general assignment reporter for The Washington Post from 1948 to 1951.

(He was a reporter and an editor of the New Hampshire Sunday Times from 1946 to 1948. While on the Times, he helped to expose contract fraud in a series of articles which won the Associated Press Prize Story award in 1948.)

(He was press attache at the U. S. Embassy in Paris from 1951 to 1954 at which time he joined Newsweek.)